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PARIS FOR USRO. USDOCOSOUTH FOR BURRIS. PASS AID USIA CYPRUS SITUATION REPORT: DEC 4, 1200 - DEC 7, 1200 USIS ISSUED STRONG STEQTQ GIIAEC. 4 DENYING USG PEVOLVEMENT IN PLOT AGAINST MAKARIOS, WHICH LATEST CHARGE IN INCREASINGLY STRIDENT ANTI-US CAMPAIGN BEING CONDUCTED BY LOCAL GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. STATEMENT BROUGHT FORTH HOWLS OF PROTEST OVER WEEKEND. MACHI (EXTREMIST, SENSATIONALIST) AND HARAVEHI (COMMUNIST) PRINTED FULL TEXT USIS RELEASE ALONG WITH THEIR REPLIES, SUB-STANCE OF WHICH THAT USG HAD NO RIGHT QUESTION JOURNALISTIC ETHICS CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES HERE AND THAT AMERICAN PRESS ETHICS NOT ABOVE CRITICISM. PHILELEFT HROS REFUSED PRINT STATEMENT BECAUSE IT "LIBELOUS" AND SAID IF EMBASSY WISHED REPLY CHARGES TO RESTORE TRUTH, IF ACCUSATIONS REALLY FALSE, THIS ITS RIGHT AND DUTY. CANNOT TOLERATE REMJAKS ABOUT JORNALISTIC INTEGRITY CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS." ELEFTHERIA MADE NO MENTION OF USIS RELEASE BUT

ALL PAPERS CARRIED STATEMENT BY UNION OF CYPRIOT JOURNALISTS CONDEMNING USIS STATEMENT AS UNACCEPTABLE. COMMENT: EFFECT JUDGED SALUTARY DESPITE THIS PREDICTABLE REACTION.

LOUD EXPLOSION AT Ø11Ø LOCAL TIME DEC. 7 SHOOK NICOSIA.

THIS TENTH BOMB EXPLOSION OR ATTEMPTED BOMBING IN NICOSIA AND LIMASSOL SINCE OCT. 22. POLICE OFTEN UNABLE EVEN LOCATENVDAI

OF EXPLOSION, WHICH REPORTEDLY DUE MORE DESIRE POLICE AVOID
PUBLICITY FACT MANY BOMBINGS APPARENTLY INVOLVE DISPUTES WITHIN
GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY THAN TB
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ABOUT SEVENTEEN SHOTS FIRED AT UN ARMORKRRB8) AJAPØ920
LOCAL DEC. 6 PAKKYAMMOS WHEN VEHICLE TRIED FORCE WAY THROUGH
GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL ROAD BLOCK. CASUALTIES, NO
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ACTING FONMIN PRESENTED AMBASSADOR WITH NOTE DEC. 4

STATING THAT GOC COULD NO LONGER CONSIDER GRANTING ANY PRIVILEGES

OR IMMUNITIES TO PERSONNEL OF USG COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

NOTE IN CONNEILSGXFXWITH DISCUSSIONS OVER LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY WHICH CONCERNED ONLY WITH

FEGULARIZING AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSES SOME

PERSON LKDGNBEWBASSY HOPES THAT THIS ARBITRARY BROADENING OF

ISSUE ONLY INITIAL MOVE BY GOC AND THAT WE MAY BE ABLE BARGAIN.

HOWEVER, CLEAR THAT WHAT MAY BE LONG AND DIFFICULT WRANGLE OVER

FACILIEITES HAS BEGUN. EXPECT GOC USE USG COMMUNICATIONS

FACILITIES AS LEVER TO INFLUENCE OUR POLICIES ON WIDER ASPECTS

CYPRUS PROBLEMS.

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